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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, PO, FR

SUBJECT: VITOR ALVES' VISIT TO PARIS

REF: BONN 17425

1. QUAI DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR SOUTHERN EUROPE GELADE  
BRIEFED EMBOFF NOVEMBER 9 ON NOVEMBER 7-9 VISIT OF  
PORTUGUESE DEFENSE AND INFORMATION MINISTER VITOR ALVES AND  
STATE SECRETARY FOR ECONOMIC PLANNING VITOR CONSTANCIAN.

2. CONSTANCIAN ACCOMPANIED ALVES ON MEETINGS WITH  
STATE SEC FOR FOREIGN TRADE SEGARD AND WITH FRENCH  
BUSINESSMEN AND THEN LEFT PARIS. ALVES SAW FOREIGN  
MINISTER SAUVAGNARGUES AND PRIME MINISTER CHIRAC AND  
MET BRIEFLY DURING RECEPTION WITH DEFENSE MINISTER  
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SOUFFLET; HE ALSO MET WITH LEADERS OF PORTUGUESE

IMMIGRANT COMMUNITY. ALVES' STATEMENTS AT PRESS LUNCH NOVEMBER 7 WERE EXTENSIVELY REPORTED IN LE MONDE DATED NOVEMBER 9, WHICH PRESUMABLY AVAILABLE TO DEPARTMENT (BEING POUCHED LISBON).

3. GELADE SAID ALVES'

PRIMARY AIM WAS TO SOLICIT GOF SUPPORT FOR SPECIAL CONSIDERATION AND ECONOMIC FACILITIES IN CONTEXT OF EUROPEAN COMMUNITY, ALONG LINES REPORTED IN PARA 6 OF REFTEL. ALVES MADE CASE FOR PORTUGAL GETTING SPECIAL EC CONSIDERATION BECAUSE CURRENT CIRCUMSTANCES INCLUDING EXPECTED REPATRIATION OF BOTH TROOPS AND IMMIGRANTS WILL MAKE IT DIFFICULT FOR GOP TO FULFILL TIMETABLE ORIGINALLY FORESEEN IN EC-PORTUGUESE AGREEMENT. SPECIFICALLY, (A) PORTUGAL WOULD HAVE TO PROTECT ITS INDUSTRIES BY MAINTAINING CUSTOMS DUTIES BEYOND 1979, (B) PORTUGAL REQUESTING FINANCIAL PROTOCOL WITH EC PERMITTING GOP TO OBTAIN LOAN FROM EUROPEAN INVESTMENT BANK' (C) IMPROVED AND HARMONIZED ARRANGEMENTS FOR IMMIGRANT WORKERS SO THAT THEY OBTAIN OPTIMUM TERMS FROM ALL EC COUNTRIES.

4. GELADE SAID ALVES ALSO SEEKING ECONOMIC AID FROM OECD'S DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE COMMITTEE. HE EXPLAINED PORTUGAL HAD PREVIOUSLY RECEIVED SUCH AID EAR MARKED FOR ITS OVERSEAS TERRITORIES. NOW GOP ASKING TO BE HELPED AS LDC, IT BEING UNDERSTOOD THAT PORTUGAL HAD TO KEEP AIDING ITS FORMER OVERSEAS TERRITORIES.

5. ACCORDING TO GELADE, GOF IS IN PRINCIPLE FAVORABLE TO ASSISTING PORTUGAL IN EC, SUBJECT TO LEGAL AND TECHNICAL CONSIDERATIONS. GELADE SAID ALVES HAD MADE GOOD IMPRESSION IN PARIS, AS SERIOUS, NON-RADICAL PORTUGUESE PATRIOT. HE JUDGED ALVES TO BE SOCIALIST RATHER THAN COMMUNIST, WHO SPEAKS WITH CONVINCING ARDOR OF DEMOCRACY. SPECIFICALLY, ALVES WANTS ELECTIONS IN MARCH FOLLOWED BY SEPTEMBER LEGISLATIVE VOTING. GELADE WAS IMPRESSED BY FACT THAT ALVES WAS ACCOMPANIED BY AMBASSADOR AT LARGE VIERA DE ALMEIDA WHO IS A BANKER AND FORMER MINISTER.

6. GELADE ANALYZED ALVES AS BEING DEEPLY MARKED BY  
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HIS HATRED OF FORMER REGIME AND EAGER TO REVERSE EXISTING SITUATION BY LIFTING SOCIO-ECONOMIC STANDARD OF LIVING FOR PORTUGUESE MASSES. HE CONSIDERS ALVES PASSIONATELY COMMITTED TO THIS TASK RATHER THAN TO ANY POLITICALLY DOCTRINAIRE PROGRAM FOR ACCOMPLISHING IT.  
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